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The Presdt., City Mul. Council, Bangalore
" " Mysore
The Comptroller

No. G. 28-32 dt 9. 10. 18

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ROUTINE NOTES.

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1) Measures to deal with the Influenza epidemic in Bangalore City

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2) Letter from President received by post — submitted herewith.

3) Action indicated seems to be on right lines.

4/ 2nd. member 8/10/18

5/ Orders may issue almost in the S[ta]te — Open & Informal Offices are requested to Commence as many relief measures as may be practicable — or important The Sch[oo]l Schools may be closed The hospital grants may be

Yes under Epidemic Act the situation.

7) The P.C may be requested to pay for relief measures in Hospitals also

CB
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Please do the needful

The Bangalore Deputy maybe sent

Dr C.S. Iyer

Secretary & return

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9) Subd with a draft G.O
VB
9.10.18.

10) Put draft in accordance with the Views of the Secretary Member & put up.

11) As the Matter is very urgent, the Order may issue immediately and a separate Order issued as early as practicable about the Extra Establishment after hearing from the Senior Surgeon and Consulting the Financial Secy.
Dewan) WJ 9/10/18.

12) May issue & Rs. 4 returned for Cabinization & his Highness.
9.10.18 do

13) Issue at once
WJ 9/10/18

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Mr Senior Surgeon
Mr Sanitary Commr.
Mr President. Bangalore city
Mr Comptroller Municipal Council
Mr President. Mysore city municipal Council

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No G 28-32 dated 9. 10-1918
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Submitted to His Highness.

14) I submit for information two telegrams dated the 8th instant, received from the Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner, respectively, reporting the measures adopted and steps taken for dealing with the influenza epidemic in Bangalore City. A copy of the order issued in this connection is also attached. The disease has appeared in a very virulent form in Bangalore.

15) 2. Though not in such a severe form, the disease is spreading in Mysore also and the necessary preventive and remedial measures are being adopted in consultation with the President of the Municipality and the Sanitary and Medical Departments.

M. Visvesvaraya

9-Oct-1918.

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Chief Secretary Mysore

Arranges with President accordingly influenza cases Epidemic hospitals arranged house to house visits by health officers and staff. Since receipt of telegram

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja

Mysore. 8 9 10 18

Subject.

12) Reports regarding the prevalance of the Influenza epidemic in the Cities of Bangalore and Mysore.

Order.

~~KRW~~
10/10/18

17) Chief Secretary
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Submitted to the Chief Secretary

18)

The order issued yesterday as regards the measures adopted for dealing with the outbreak of influenza in Bangalore City may perhaps be placed at the disposal of the Press, as it will infuse some confidence into the people.

15/10/18

Office of the City Municipal Council,

Bangalore Dated, 7th October 1918.

From

Dewan Bahadur Raja Sabha Bhushana

K.P Puttanna Chetty, Esquire., C.I.E.,

Honorary President, City Municipal Council,

Bangalore.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government

of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

Bangalore.

Sir,

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2. I have instituted careful enquiries and visited all parts of the City and Extensions. The attendance at the Local Fund Dispensaries has greatly increased and the demand upon the services of medical men is incessant. Almost every household has its cases and in some there are none to tend the sick. The death rate of the City has increased by 100 % for this part of the year and I apprehend that, with a continuance of the epidemic and the onset of the cold weather, lung complications will increase, involving great mortality.

3. I beg to enclose herein extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council at their meeting held on the 5th Instant, seeking the assistance of the Senior Surgeon and

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6. I request Government may be pleased to issue urgent orders to the Senior Surgeon and to the Sanitary Commissioner on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Honorary President.

K.S.Rao.

Proceedings of an Ordinary General Meeting of the City Municipal Council, Bangalore, held in the Council Chamber City Municipal Office, on Saturday the 5th October 1918, at 8 A.M.

P r e s e n t.

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" E X T R A C T "

for Honorary President.

K.S.Rao.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT
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